

HERE AND THERE.

Ocala has sent her full quota to the World's fair.

St. Petersburg wants Ocala to send a delegation of three hundred down there on the big excursion.

There will be a picnic at J. F. Parker's pond, one mile north west of LeRoy, Aug. 26. Everybody is cordially invited to attend and bring well filled baskets.

Uncle Tom Platt announces that he will spend the remainder of his life upon a farm. There are indications that a great many g. o. p. leaders are about to embark upon a life in the tall timber.—Commoner.

Mr. John Z. Reardon, formerly of this city, is now with the Postal Telegraph Company, and is working from Jacksonville to Miami, and later on will go to Cuba and after which will wire Jamaica, Porto Rico and some of the other islands.

Mr. W. F. Hamilton, who is now at work on a well for the city of Bartow, was in town Tuesday. He says the well is now 700 feet deep, but on account of striking oil and quick sand must be made deeper as the water at the present depth is unfit for use.

The Montgomery (Ala.) Journal says that Bryan in defeat is greater, grander and nobler than in victory and that his conduct at St. Louis added luster to his renown as a statesman, as a man, and as a democrat whose record, private and public, is as white, pure and stainless as the plume of Navarre.

The east coast newspapers are bragging upon the productive quality of the lands about Hastings and these lands are bringing fabulous prices. They are said to be about the same in character and quality as the Fort McCoy section in this county. The farmers down there are rich and don't know it.

Boys, observe good manners; determine that the boys now growing into manhood will be as polite and deferential as the "gentlemen of the old school." Be punctual and do not yield easily to temptations. Don't do things in a hurry if that hurry is for the purpose of doing something else. Don't abridge sleep. Eight hours are necessary for health and nothing will take its place.

Death an Unwelcome Guest.

The fiat of death is inexorable. No appeal from the great law which dooms us to dust. We flourish and fade as the leaves of the forest and the flowers that bloom wither and fade in a day having no trainter hold upon life than the mightiest monarch that ever shook the earth with his footsteps. Generations of men appear and disappear as the grass and the multitude that throng the world to-day will disappear as footsteps upon the shore. Men seldom think of the great event of death until the shadow falls upon their own pathway, hiding from their eyes the faces of loved ones whose living smile was the sunlight of their existence. Death is the antagonist of life and the thought of the tomb is the skeleton of all feasts. We do not want to go through the dark valley although its dark passage may lead direct to the gates of paradise; we do not want to go down in the damp grave, even with princes for bedfellows.—George D. Prentice.

A Florida Editor has Joined the Turf.

Yesterday, W. F. Stovall and Robert Keller got together and completed the arrangements for the race between their fast trotters. The race is to occur September 31, at the Tampa track, and each owner has put up \$200. The race will be best two out of three mile heats. In the selection of judges, Mr. Keller selected George R. Macfarlane and Mr. Stovall selected Dr. N. B. Rhodes. There two gentlemen are to choose the third. Ed Frisbee will probably drive the Stovall horse, and the driver of the Keller animal has not yet been selected. This will be a closely contested event and will furnish an exciting afternoon of sport.—Tampa Tribune, Aug. 17.—N. B. Note the date.

THE PRESS

Every citizen (unless afflicted with big-head) acknowledges the power of the press. Every public enterprise appeals to the press for support and it seldom fails to secure it if it deserves it. The modern newspaper is itself a public institution, and therefore sympathizes with all others. It is not subject to the narrow and rigid rules which apply to merely private callings, but to the broad and enlightened principles springing out of its duty to the people in the collection and publication of information relating to their interests.

The business of journalism is no longer a mere incident to the printer's trade. It has become a great and learned profession, with honored fraternal organizations similar to medical societies and bar associations.

The newspaper is the great educator of the masses of the people. It visits them from day to day and from week to week and from year to year, inducing them to read and impelling them to think. The intelligence of a family can be judged by the number and character of newspapers taken and paid for by it. The man who reads a newspaper, as Tom Paine long since remarked, is a "citizen of the world." He feels an interest in the people of all lands, for their doings are brought home to his door. He rejoices with them in their fortunes and sympathizes with them in their misfortunes. A good newspaper does its full part in broadening and ennobling mankind.

The newspaper is also the great agent in the correction of abuses. Abuses do not correct themselves. The newspaper brings them to the attention of the public opinion as often as it proclaims its imperious decrees.

French View of Us.

[From the Paris Pictorial, according to the veracious Newark Evening News (Ind.)]

The struggle between President Roosevelt and Judge Perkor is one of individualities. A man cannot amount to much in the United States of America unless he had marked individuality. James M. Blain was elected to the highest post office in the land because he drank more rum at one sitting than any other man in the country. Grover Cleveland was chosen president for having caught the largest fishes ever seen on the Pennsylvania coast.

Each of the two candidates now confronting has some similar attainment to offer to his countrymen as justification for his election. President Roosevelt places his hope in the fact that he has the most numerous family in the land, he being the head of the Mormon religion and proprietor of ten households, counting his children by the score. His summer residence at Oyster Bay is the most populous home in Ohio, as many as ninety plates being laid at table daily.

Judge Perkor, on the other hand, has endeared himself to his fellow citizens through his skill in swimming. He once threw a dollar across the Potomac, near his home in Esopus, and plunged into the turbid stream, he swam to the other side so rapidly that, climbing out on the bank, he was able to catch the dollar as it descended from its airy flight. Judge Perkor has also been known to stay under water three weeks without uttering a syllable. His aquatic feats are heralded broadcast over the land, and great crowds flock to see his daily exhibition of sensational diving in which he has no peer.

We are sorry Champ Clark lost his temper in his very first speech and threatened to "cut the fellow's throat (some one in the audience called him a liar) from ear to ear if he would meet him in the park after the speaking was over."

Appeal Made to Unions.

Chicago, August 18.—Every union workingman and woman in the country about 2,000,000, according to leaders of organized labor, is to be asked to contribute to the support of the packing house strikers. President Donnelly, of the butcher workmen, said today that an appeal had been sent to all the labor unions in the United States asking them to help provide funds. President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, Donnelly said, would be asked to make an appeal for funds.

TO CHINA JAPAN SENDS ULTIMATUM

Must Enforce and Respect Neutrality Laws.

CASE OF THE CRUISER ASKHOLD.

Mikado's Government Will Not Permit Chinese Ports to Become Asylums for Russian War Vessels in Which to Make Repairs.

London, August 18.—The Associated Press learned this afternoon that Japan has made a demand of China in the nature of an ultimatum that she enforce her neutrality in the case of the cruiser Askold, and the torpedo boat destroyer Groszovoi, now at Shanghai.

Japan pointed out that the time limit of 24 hours permitted by international law, had expired and that Japan therefore was at liberty to take such action as may seem to her expedient.

At the Japanese legation here it was expressly stated that the Tokio government had no intention of remaining quiescent if Russia attempts to compel China to give asylum to her men-of-war and authorize repairs at her ports, which would enable them to resume belligerent operations. Should China fail to comply immediately with Japan's demand, the division of Japanese warships now in the vicinity of Shanghai will, the legation declares, be instructed to enter the port and capture the Askold and Groszovoi as was done in the case of the Ryeshitsei.

Japan has made no secret of her intention, but has not consulted the powers, believing that the matter is one which concerns herself alone. Japan is prepared, the legation further asserts, to recognize Chinese neutrality only so long as it is respected by Russia.

With regard to the Ryeshitsei, Japan, it is asserted, is determined not to comply with the Chinese demand submitted in compliance with the Russian note, that the vessel be returned to Che Foo. Japan insists that to all intents and purposes Che Foo has been a Russian base during the war, Chinese junks having been fitted out there and sent through the Japanese blockading vessels to Port Arthur.

No answer has yet been given by Japan to the Russian protest in the case of the Ryeshitsei, but when it is made it will be communicated to all the powers.

NOT RISK FRESH CRISIS.

Porte Will Probably Accede to All American Demands.

Constantinople, Aug. 18.—The porte has addressed a formal note to the American legation confirming its undertaking to accord equal treatment to American schools and kindred institutions be granted the most favored nation "subject to the accomplishment of the usual departmental formalities." In spite of the seeming reservation, it is not believed that the porte will raise further difficulties in executing the agreement or run the risk of creating a fresh crisis, which American diplomatic circles declare would follow promptly any failure to loyally carry out the arrangement.

There is much comment among diplomatic and official circles concerning the incompleteness of the American settlement compared with the settlement obtained by France on the occasion of the occupation of the island of Mitylene in 1901. The American circles, however, point out that Minister Leishman obtained what he demanded, and is now awaiting the execution of the undertaking.

DR. BROUGHTON TO LONDON.

Will Fill Rev. G. Campbell Morgan's Pulpit for Two Months.

Atlanta, August 18.—Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, will reach Atlanta Saturday afternoon and will preach at his church Sunday morning and evening. Next Monday he will leave Atlanta for London, where he will fill the pulpit of Westminster chapel during the months of September and October.

Dr. Broughton was selected from all the available ministers in this country by Rev. G. Campbell Morgan to fill his pulpit, and the selection is considered a great compliment.

Will Be Settled Amicably.

Paris, August 18.—Advices from Morocco point to the conclusion that the sultan's unpleasantness with England in connection with the confiscation of the property of a British subject, will shortly be settled amicably. In any case, the thoroughly cordial understanding between France and Great Britain suffices to prevent the incident from assuming serious proportions.

Chinese Bandits on Move.

Mukden, August 16.—The Chinese bandit leaders Kitsushan, Tulsan and Foling, each with a thousand followers, are now in the Simliniting district, moving up the Liao river valley with the object of attacking the railway. Each of the bands, which were reorganized by the Japanese, is accompanied by a hundred Japanese with mounted guns.

HODGES MURDERERS BURNED AT STAKE

Awful Penalty Is Imposed at Statesboro, Ga.

FRIGHTFUL SCENE IS ENACTED.

Soldiers Overpowered and Slayers of the Hodges Family Taken by Mob, Chained to Stake, Soaked With Oil and Match Applied.

Statesboro, Ga., August 18.—With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to heaven for the mercy that the mob would not allow, Paul Reid and Will Cato, negroes, two of the principals in the dastardly murder and burning of the Hodges, wife and three of their children, 6 miles from Statesboro, three weeks ago, were burned at the stake yesterday.

A determined mob charged upon the courthouse, overpowered the military mob, secured Cato and Reid, who had been found guilty after a legal trial, and sentenced to be hanged, took them 2 miles from Statesboro, and there exacted the fearful penalty.

Verdict of Guilty.

The forenoon passed quietly, the trial of Paul Reid, the ring-leader in the murder, being concluded and a verdict of guilty rendered. Sentence was imposed upon both him and Will Cato, sentenced the day before, and September 9 was fixed as the date for the execution.

Up to the hour of noon there was no intimation that so soon was to be enacted the terrible climax.

In the trial of Reid, little delay was caused, and upon its conclusion the prisoners, as before, were hustled into the witness room, where a strong guard of military was mounted over them.

In the corridors the agitation began. The spectators left the court room, and from the lawn outside many entered the hallways. Shortly before 10 o'clock the crowd was addressed by a tall man, who seemed to inflame it greatly. He called on those about him to follow him.

After the mob had overpowered the soldiers, the jail was entered and the negroes secured.

Reid was taken down the stairway with a rope about his neck, and Cato down the other, both pleading for their lives.

The crowd numbered 500. They dragged the men along, shouting and cheering along the roadway leading to the Hodges homestead, where the five members of the family had been murdered and burned.

The two negroes were made to seat themselves on a log. They were told they had but a short time to live and that they should confess.

Reid Confessed.

Reid was the first to speak. He confessed, implicating other negroes, as he had in the courtroom. He denied, however, that he had taken an active part in the murder.

Cato answered incoherently. The crowd moved across a field to a strip of woodland. Several men climbed two branches and called for ropes.

"Burn them! Burn them!" shouted the crowd.

Cato begged to be shot or hanged, saying he was innocent; that he had had no part in the crime. Some of the more humane wanted to grant his request, but they were in the minority. The rest wanted to visit the same death upon the negroes that they had visited upon the Hodges family.

A number of the mob made a speech recounting the horrors of the crime. This inflamed the crowd to the burning pitch.

To a large stump, 12 feet high the men were chained with their backs to the stump. With trace chains the men were lashed to the stump. Then a wagon load of pine wood was hauled to the spot. It was piled around the men and ten gallons of kerosene was thrown over them.

Scene Beggared Description.

The scene which followed beggared description. Frenzied cheers rent the air, as men almost crazed with the hatred of the men being punished saw the cruel flames drinking up the life blood. Just as the match was applied to the pyre one of those in front asked Reid didn't he want to tell the truth before he died:

"Yes, sir; I killed Mr. and Mrs. Hodges," he replied.

"Who killed the children?" he was asked.

"Handy Bell," came the response as the flames leaped upwards and further questioning was impossible in the wild tumult. The spectacle was frightful.

Screamed in Agony.

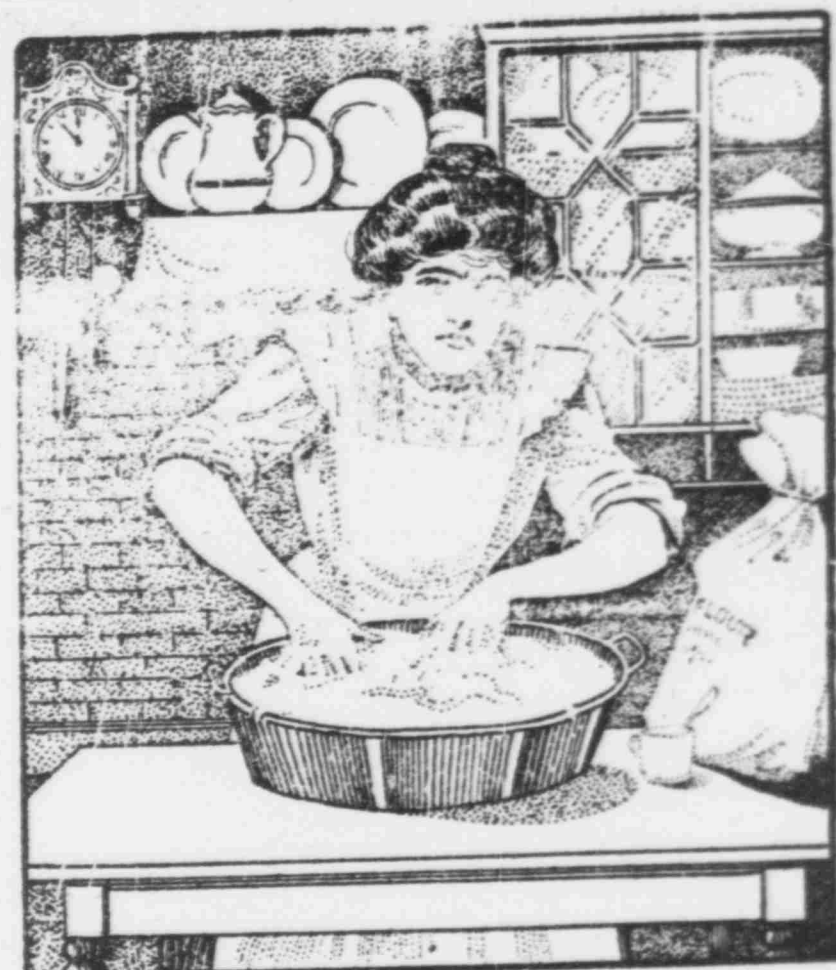
As the flames touched Reid's naked oil-soaked skin, he twisted his head around in an endeavor to choke himself and avoid the fearful torture. Only once did he complain. He said: "Lord, have mercy!"

Cato screamed in agony and begged that he be shot. His heavy hair, which was oil-soaked, was almost the first thing the flames fastened on, and screaming with agony, while the hemp rope became a collar of fire around his neck, a thrill of horror ran through the frames of the more timid. Before

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"If there be a word of truth in history, women have always been, and still are, over the greater part of the globe, humble companions, playthings, captives, menials, beasts of burden. Except in a few happy and highly civilized communities, they are strictly in a state of personal slavery. Even in those countries where they are best treated, the laws are generally unfavorable to them with respect to almost all the points in which they are the most deeply interested."

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NEW LINE OPENED. First Passenger Train Over Rock Island's New Route.

Kansas City, August 17.—The first passenger train over the Rock Island's new line from St. Louis to Kansas City arrived here this morning.

The first train out of here to go over the new railroad all the way will leave at 7:50 o'clock tonight. At present the St. Louis-Kansas City trains go from here over the 'Frisco to Clinton, Mo., and from there they switch to the tracks of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. From Windsor, on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas they use the new line's rails to St. Louis. The new road is known as the St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado. It is 297 miles in length.

JOE JEFFERSON ILL.

Famous Actor Has Been Indisposed. Reported Better.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., August 17.—Joseph Jefferson, the actor, has been ill for a day or two at Crow's Nest, his summer home here.

A doctor called from Boston stated that the trouble was a severe attack of indigestion, which remedies soon relieved.

This morning Mr. Jefferson was said to be much improved.